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DEPT MAY WISH TO PASS TO OAU COLLECTIVE

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TAGS: PORG OAU XJ TO  
SUBJ: TOGOLESE FORIEGN MINISTER COMMENTS ON OAU ASSISTANCE  
COMMITTEE VISIT TO FRONTLINE STATES

REF: ADDIS ABABA 1710 REPEATED TO OAU COLLECTIVE AS SECSTATE  
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1. I ASKED FOREIGN MINISTER EDEM KODJO HOW THE OAU MISSION TO  
SOUTH AFRICA HE HAD HEADED HAD GONE. HE SAID VERY WELL; HOWEVER,  
IT HAD BEEN HIS INITIAL VISIT TO SOUTHERN AFRICA AND HE WAS  
SHOCKED AT THE FIRST-HAND EVIDENCES OF THE EFFECTS OF APAPRHEID  
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HE HAD SEEN.

2. HE SAID SEEING ONE REFUGEE CAMP HAD BEEN ENOUGH FOR HIM  
(ZAMBIA). THE MISERY HE HAD SEEN, THE MALNUTRITION, THE LACK  
OF ADEQUATE CLOTHING FOR THE REFUGEES IN THAT "COLD"CLIMATE,  
HAD BEEN "TERRIBLE."

3. KODJO SAID HE WAS CONVINCED THE OAU MUST DO MUCH MORE RE THE REFUGEE SITUATION. HIS MISSION HAD TURNED OVER \$500,000 TO MOZAMBIQUE, \$300,000 TO BOTSWANA AND \$200,000 TO ZAMBIA, BUT THIS WAS RIDICUOUSLY INADEQUATE IN VIEW OF THE MAGNITUDE OF THE PROBLEMS. KODJO SAID THE IMMEDIATE THINGS HE WANTED TO DO WERE TO INCREASE SUBSTANTIALLY THE AMOUNT OF MONEY FLOWING THROUGH THE OAU TO THE FRONTLINE STATES FOR REFUGEE ASSISTANCE. ALSO, HE SAID THAT HE THOUGH THAT SERIOUS EFFORTS BY OAU OIL PRODUCERS SHOULD BE MADE TO MAKE LOW-COST OR LOAN OR EVEN GRANT CRUDE OIL AVAILABLE TO THE FRONTLINE STATES TO ENABLE THEM TO COPE WITH THE SERIOUS ECONOMIC PROBLEMS THEY ARE FACING. I ASKED HIM WHICH STATES SEEMED LIKELY TO BE ABLE TO HELP, HE RESPONDED "NIGERIA" AND POSSIBLY SAUDI ARABIA. I LOOKED SKEPTICAL AT THE LATTER SUGGESTION, BUT KODJO SAID THAT ONE OF THE NEXT THINGS HE WOULD TRY TO DO WOULD BE TO "SENSIBILISES" (SENSITIZE) THE ARABS TO THE SERIOUSNESS OF THE SOUTHERN AFRICA PROBLEM.

4. COMMENT: KODJO WAS CLEARLY SHOCKED BY WHAT HE SAW IN SOUTHERN AFRICA. DOUBTLESS, HE WILL USE THE EXPERIENCE TO KEEP THE BANDWAGON ROLLING FOR HIS OAU SECRETARY-GENERALSHIP CANDIDACY. PALMER

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